

# FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: April 10, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 1400 - HB 1609**

This bill, if enacted, will broaden the duties of the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General to include representing consumers on matters involving public utility and common carrier safety and service. The bill also increases fines for violations of these provisions to not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$3,000.

The fiscal impact from enactment of the bill is estimated to result in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$68,650 and a one-time increase of \$17,000. Details are as follows:

## 1 Attorney

Salary	\$41,000
Benefits	9,050
Operational expenses	3,500
Equipment & furniture	12,000 one-time

## 1 Part-time Paralegal

Salary	11,200
Benefits	2,400
Operational expenses	1,500
Equipment & furniture	<u>5,000</u> one-time

Total	\$85,650
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It is also estimated that enactment of the bill will result in an increase in state revenues from fines imposed; however, the amount of such increase is estimated to be not significant.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director